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Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary
Permit Application Form – Research and Education

National Marine Sanctuaries are recognized as resource areas of national significance. Their distinctive characteristics have established them as environmental and historic resources for scientific research and public education. With yearly increases in the number of requests to conduct research and education in National Marine Sanctuaries, guidelines for managing and monitoring such projects are necessary to ensure compatibility with sanctuary goals and objectives and all other sanctuary activities.

Permits may be issued by the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS) superintendent under special circumstances for activities otherwise prohibited by sanctuary regulations. In regards to research and education, these circumstances include when the activity will not substantially insure Sanctuary resources and qualities and will; further research related to Sanctuary resources and qualities; further the educational, natural or historical resources value of the Sanctuary; or assist in managing the Sanctuary.

Anyone conducting prohibited activities without a valid National Marine Sanctuary permit may be subject to the penalties as provided under Section 307 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (as amended). A civil penalty of up to \$100,000 for each violation of any regulation may be levied.

Please review the [Guidelines for Submitting National Marine Sanctuary Research and Education Permits](#) before completing the information below. Questions may be addressed to: Mary Sue Brancato, at mary.sue.brancato@noaa.gov, (360) 457-6622, ext 20.

Any attachments supplementing the information requested below should be submitted in Microsoft Word, Excel or rich text format to: mary.sue.brancato@noaa.gov

The information requested in these guidelines is necessary to evaluate whether issuance of a permit is appropriate. The information is used to evaluate the potential benefits of the activity, to determine whether the proposed methods will achieve the proposed results, and to evaluate any possible detrimental environmental impacts. It is through this evaluation and the tracking of all otherwise prohibited activities that the NMSP is able to use permitting as one of the management tools to protect Sanctuary resources and qualities. Submittal of the information requested in these guidelines is required to obtain a permit pursuant to National Marine Sanctuary Regulations (15 CFR part 922). NOAA will make all possible attempts to protect any proprietary business information that is marked as confidential, consistent with applicable Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) law, should any FOIA request be made.

A. PRIMARY APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name:

Affiliation:

Department:

Mailing address (*include street or post office box, city, state, and zip code*):

Phone number:

Fax number:

E-mail address:

B. SECONDARY APPLICANT INFORMATION (*if applicable*):

Name:

Affiliation:

Department:

Mailing address (*include street or post office box, city, state, and zip code*):

Phone number:

Fax number:

E-mail address:

D. REQUESTED PERMIT START DATE:

E. REQUESTED PERMIT END DATE:

F. PROHIBITED ACTIVITY TYPE AND FREQUENCY:

Identify the prohibited activity (e.g., disturb the seafloor to collect encrusting bryozoans and sponge; fly below 2000' to determine the distribution and abundance of pinnipeds) and the frequency of the activity (e.g., daily/continuous, weekly, monthly, quarterly, yearly, or other [please explain]).

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G. PROJECT TITLE:

H. HYPOTHESIS TO BE TESTED:

I. PROJECT SUMMARY (2-3 sentences):

J. PROJECT ABSTRACT (<250 words):

Include a statement of objectives, methods, project significance, and justification for working within the Sanctuary.

K. DETAILED METHODOLOGY & LOCATION OF PROJECT:

Explain complete experimental design, including location of project. For collections of any organism, specify species, sample sizes, quantities, collection technique, sites/area of collection, handling of specimens, and any mitigation efforts.

L. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF ACTIVITY:

M. QUALIFICATIONS OF ALL PERMITTED PERSONNEL:

N. SOURCE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

Provide contract number, performance period, and name of sponsoring agency, if applicable.

O. OTHER AGENCY OR TRIBE PERMITS AND CONSULTATIONS:

Check all permits or consultations required from or by other agencies Native American tribes for the proposed project. Indicate date the permit was acquired or application

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was submitted or the consultation was completed. Attach/submit permits, applications and consultations.

- ☐ Olympic National Park Permit _____
- ☐ Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Permit _____
- ☐ US Army Corps of Engineers Permit _____
- ☐ National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Permit _____

Federal Applicants:

- ☐ US Fish and Wildlife Service Section 7 ESA Consultation _____
- ☐ NMFS Section 7 ESA Consultation _____
- ☐ Marine Mammal Protection Act, Incidental Harassment _____
- ☐ Federal Consistency, Washington Coastal Zone Management Act _____